

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on March 21, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 22, 3/17/17; HB 64, 3/14/2017

Executive Action: HB 22 Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 64 Be Concurred In;  
HB 209 Be Concurred In; SB 94 Do Pass As Previously Amended

**HEARING ON HB 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:03 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 22, Appropriate money to assist/intervene/plan for closure of coal-fired generation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:14 Dave Galt, Montana Association of Coal, Oil and Gas Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:02:55 Chair Jones  
00:03:10 Rep. Keane  
00:03:26 Chair Jones  
00:03:33 Sen. Phillips  
00:04:03 Rep. Keane

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:49 Rep. Keane

**Committee Discussion on SB 94 Grey Bill:**

00:05:32 Chair Jones  
00:06:56 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:08:09 Chair Jones  
00:08:44 Sen. Sesso  
00:09:26 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
00:10:20 Sen. Phillips  
00:10:50 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:11:09 Sen. Howard  
00:11:26 Sen. Phillips  
00:11:49 Sen. Howard  
00:12:01 Sen. Phillips  
00:12:59 Sen. Sesso  
00:13:07 Ms. Johnson, LSD  
00:13:45 Sen. Sesso  
00:15:42 Sen. Welborn  
00:16:19 Sen. Sesso  
00:18:00 Sen. Moore  
00:18:09 Sen. Lang joined the meeting.  
00:18:22 Ms. Johnson  
00:18:37 Sen. Moore  
00:19:08 Sen. Howard

00:19:41 Sen. Philips

00:20:22 Chair Jones

**HEARING ON HB 64**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:56 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 64, Revise child abuse diversion project laws.

00:23:18 Sen. Whitford joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:24:42 Laura Smith, deputy director, Department of Public Health and Human Services

00:25:15 Becky Boska, Judicial Branch

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:15 Sen. Moore

00:26:39 Rep. Dudik

00:27:21 Sen. Phillips

00:27:36 Rep. Dudik

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:44 Rep. Dudik

**Committee Business:**

00:28:52 Sen. Caferro

00:28:58 Chair Jones

00:29:17 Sen. Sesso

00:29:39 Chair Jones

00:30:47 Recess

Sen. Caferro and Sen. Welborn left the meeting.

01:15:34 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 22**

01:15:51 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 22 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:16:00 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 22 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:16:10 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:16:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:16:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 22 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 64**

01:17:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 64 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Wolken will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 209**

01:18:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 209 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Ankney will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 94**

01:19:37 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **SB 94 BE CONCURRED IN AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED.**

01:19:50 **Motion:** Sen. Sesso moved that **SB 94 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:20:09 Sen. Sesso

01:21:37 Sen. Olszewski

01:21:56 Sen. Sesso

01:23:35 Sen. Olszewski

01:25:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Sen. Ankney, Sen. Caferro, Sen. McNally, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Whitford and Sen. Wolken voting aye. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Welborn were excused.

**Discussion:**

01:25:39 Sen. Phillips

01:26:02 Chair Jones

01:26:24 Sen. Phillips

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01:27:35 Sen. Moore  
01:28:05 Sen. Phillips  
01:28:41 Sen. Olszewski

01:29:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Sen. McNally, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Whitford and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:40 AM

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT**([fcs58aad.pdf](#))